

(1) Romania has negotiated, agreed to, and ratified an important bilateral treaty with the neighboring Republic of Hungary that recognizes the borders of those two countries and provides for the protection of the civil liberties of citizens who are members of national minorities.

(2) Romania has negotiated, agreed to, and ratified an important bilateral treaty with neighboring Ukraine that recognizes the borders of those two countries.

(3) The November 1996 electoral change in the Government of Romania was the first such change under a democratic political system in Romania since 1937.

(4) Romania was the first country to join the "Partnership for Peace" program of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), in January 1994, has since become an active participant in that program, is a member of NATO's Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council, and has stated its strong interest in admission into NATO and into the European Union.

(5) The Government of Romania has worked to ensure civilian control over its armed forces and has begun to implement military reform through force reductions, reorganization of officer ranks, and adoption of NATO-compatible procedures.

(6) Romania has provided military personnel for participation in and support of multinational peacekeeping operations.

(7) The Government of Romania has stated its continuing support for the mission of NATO in supporting democratization and stability across Europe.

SEC. 2. POLICY TOWARD ROMANIA.

It is the policy of the United States—

(1) to promote the development in Romania of a market-based economy and a democratic government that respects the rights of all its citizens, regardless of ethnic background;

(2) to support the territorial integrity of Romania and to insist that the territorial integrity of Romania be respected by all neighboring countries and by all political movements within and outside Romania; and

(3) to support the integration of Romania into pan-European and trans-Atlantic economic and security institutions.

SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the United States should support efforts by Romania to integrate into pan-European and trans-Atlantic institutions and should view such integration as an important factor in consolidating democratic government in Romania;

(2) Romania is to be commended for its work to achieve bilateral treaties with the Republic of Hungary and Ukraine and the Government of Romania should now work expeditiously to negotiate, agree to, and ratify a bilateral treaty with the neighboring Republic of Moldova that recognizes the borders of those two countries;

(3) the Government of Romania should accelerate necessary economic reforms, particularly privatization of state-owned enterprises under a fair and transparent process and privatization of the agricultural sector to include privatization of land and of major agri-business enterprises;

(4) the Government of Romania should, in a concrete manner, address corrupt and criminal activities at all levels;

(5) the United States should undertake to assist Romania to address the costs of disruptions in commerce in southeastern Europe caused by the conflict in neighboring Serbia; and

(6) the United States should join other official creditors of Romania in providing Ro-

mania with relief from such official debt through rescheduling and, where appropriate, forgiveness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for one vote on Friday, July 30, 1999, missing rollcall vote 355. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. GUTHANS

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bobby Guthans a respected leader in his field, an outstanding citizen in our community and quite frankly, as fine a gentleman as I have ever known. On a personal note, I am also pleased and honored to call Bobby Guthans my friend.

Bobby recently retired as president of Midstream Fuel Inc., Petroleum Energy Products Co., and Tenn-Tom Towing Co. As one of the founders of Midstream back in 1974, Bobby helped build a company that soon became recognized around the world as one of the innovative leaders in the maritime industry.

Bobby's success at Midstream didn't just happen because he's a nice guy with a great outlook on life, although he is certainly that.

It was the product of hard work, a good business head on his shoulders and a work ethic and respect for others that is second-to-none. In addition, Bobby, and his lovely wife Barbara Ann, come from the old school who believe "it is better to give than receive."

As such, they have volunteered literally untold hours in worthy civic and charitable endeavors, always with the attitude that it is right to give something back to your community and to your fellow man. Both Bobby and Barbara Ann are without peers when it comes to their generosity.

While being a first-class CEO, as well as a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, Bobby has also found time to hold down many important positions of leadership in his industry as well as his community. Some of these include: Chairman of the Board of American Waterways Operators; Chairman of the Southern Region of the AWO; Chairman of the Board of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce; Director of the Executive Committee of the Warrior-Tombigbee Development Association; and Director of the World Dredging Association.

In addition, he is on the boards of the Mobile Economic Development Council, the Mobile Industrial Development Board, the National Waterways Conference, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, the Geological Survey of Alabama and the Navy League of Mobile.

Bobby's community spirit has not gone without notice or thanks. Earlier this year, the U.S. Coast Guard bestowed upon Bobby its second-highest honor, the Meritorious Public Service Commendation. In addition, he has received the Alfred F. Delchamps, Jr. Award and the National Rivers Hall of Fame Achievement Award. In 1990, the Propellor Club named him Maritime Man of the Year.

Bobby is a native of Mobile and is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, where he was commissioned as an Army officer and spent the next two years fighting for his country in the Korean Conflict. Today, Bobby serves on the board of VMI, as well as on the board of Spring Hill College in Mobile.

There are few people in the life of Mobile who have given as much, and as often, as has Bobby Guthans. Today, Bobby has chosen to spend a little more time with his bride of 40-plus years, their two children, Robert A. Guthans, Jr. and Jean Guthans Wilkins, and their five beautiful grandchildren. But that doesn't mean he's going to have a lot of free time on his hands, for Bobby doesn't know how to slow down. As he recently told a reporter from the Mobile Register, "I've got to be doing something. I'm not the kind of person who can spend his days hitting golf balls around."

Mr. Speaker, that's good news for Mobile, Alabama. For if you think about all that Bobby Guthans has been able to do for his community, his state and his nation while he was also running a multi-million dollar corporation, just think what he'll be able to do now that he doesn't have to show up to work at seven o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Bobby Guthans. He's a good man and a wonderful role model for us all.

THE PASSING OF FATHER PETER LAPPIN

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret informing our colleagues of the passing of one of the most remarkable and accomplished residents of my 20th Congressional District of New York.

Father Peter Lappin, the author of 17 books on Christian theology, has been considered the spiritual leader of the Irish community in my congressional district. He long served as chaplain to the Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians and was a longtime supporter of the peace process in Ireland.

Father Peter Lappin devoted his life to the Salesian Fathers of which he was a member. He resided at the Marian Shrine and Don Bosco Retreat in Rockland County for over 25 years. He had first taken his vows as a Salesian of Don Bosco back in 1933, and lived in our Hudson Valley region of New York since 1961.

Father Lappin, who was 88 years young when a heart attack claimed him suddenly yesterday, was born in Belfast. He attended the Belfast School of Technology, the

Pallakenry College, and the Salesian College, Cowley, Oxford. Father Lappin then traveled to China where he continued his studies at the International School of Theology in Shanghai and the Salesian Studenat in Hong Kong. Father Lappin was finally ordained as a Salesian Priest in Shanghai, and subsequently he spent 16 years in Shanghai as a teacher and a parish priest.

Father Lappin also studied at Fordham University and the Columbia School Writing, both in New York City.

Father Lappin gained fame in many ways. In addition to his noted best selling books, including "Stories of Don Bosco" and biographies of contemporary Christian heroes, he was author of the "Salesian Bulletin". He was an editorial board member of "The Biographical Memoirs of Saint John Bosco" and was a lecturer on South America and the Far East. Father Lappin was active in the Knights of Columbus and in the Cambridge Society of Biographers.

Father Lappin was widely regarded for his talent at writing children's books which expressed the Catholic faith in a manner that youngsters could readily understand. He has a tremendous impact on countless generations of young readers.

Father Lappin's writings earned for him the Venice Festival awards, the Catholic Family Club award, and two Catholic Literacy Foundation awards.

Mrs. Gilman and I came to know Father Peter Lappin over many years, as a result of his deeply felt passion for a permanent peace in Ireland. Father Lappin traveled to the emerald isle extensively in his quest for a lasting peace in his homeland. He devoted much of his life to a resolution of the troubles in the north, and closely followed—and supported—the recent peace initiatives for Ireland.

In losing Father Lappin, Georgia and I have lost not only a fond friend but an outstanding advocate of peace throughout the world.

Danny Withers, one of the more prominent of Irish-American leaders in my district, stated:

Father Lappin was a great supporter of independence for Ireland, and he used his God-given gift of the written word to help garner support for this worthy cause.

Father Lappin came to our Nation in 1961. He worked out of the New Rochelle headquarters of the Salesians for 11 years, traveling throughout our Nation and continuing his writings. He became a household word in Rockland Country for the past quarter century, due to his compassion, his love of all people but most especially children, and his dynamic personality.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me in extending our condolences to Father Lappin's half brother, Father James Brawley of Australia, and to all of his fellow Salesian fathers. His were huge footsteps that will be difficult to fill.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference.

This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

AUGUST 4

8:30 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings on the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General; and the nomination of Robert Raben, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General.
SD-628

9 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To continue hearings on farm crisis issues.
SR-328A

Environment and Public Works
Business meeting to resume markup of S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980.
SD-406

9:15 a.m.
Rules and Administration
To hold hearings on certain proposed committee resolutions requesting funds for operating expenses.
SR-301

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 299, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health; and S. 406, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of medicare, medicaid, and other third party payors, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations; followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SR-485

10 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings on S. 1172, to provide a patent term restoration review procedure for certain drug products, focusing on proposed remedies for relief, relating to pipeline drugs.
SD-628

10:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on S. 693, to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan.
SD-419

Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia
Subcommittee
To hold hearings on overlap and duplication in the Federal Food Safety System.
SD-342

2 p.m.
Judiciary
Immigration Subcommittee
To hold hearings on annual refugee consultation.
SD-628

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.
SH-219

2:15 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings to review the performance management process under the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act, by the National Park Service.
SD-366

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine fraud against seniors.
SR-253

2:30 p.m.
Foreign Relations
International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee
To hold hearings on economic reform and trade opportunities in Vietnam.
SD-419

AUGUST 5

9 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To continue hearings on farm crisis issues.
SR-328A

9:30 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Housing and Transportation Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on activities of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
SD-538

10 a.m.
Foreign Relations
Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings on United States strategic interests in India.
SD-419

Judiciary
Business meeting to markup S. 486, to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resources to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States; and S. 620, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.
SD-628

2:15 p.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on pending nominations.
SD-419

AUGUST 6
9:30 a.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings on the employment and
unemployment situation for July.
Room to be announced

SEPTEMBER 28
9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House
Committee on Veterans Affairs to re-
view the legislative recommendations
of the American Legion.
345 Cannon Building

POSTPONEMENTS
AUGUST 4
9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings on the maintenance of
unneeded medical facilities of the De-
partment of Veteran Affairs.
SD-106